

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3017557, 13537 AURORA AVE N

Assessment Completed: 5/2/2014

Project Description: PAID ZONING COACHING REQUEST: Interior alterations to existing 2-story bldg from retail to religious institution. Site modifications: fill loading area, adjust sidewalks, parking and landscaping. (Change of use from retail and establishment of church)

Primary Applicant: [Ed Buffalow](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: Aurora Ave N

Sanitary sewer main size: 15-inch diameter

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Ditch or culvert.

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.020.F. and [Director's Rule 15-2012](#).

Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to [DR 17-2009](#). Submit a [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#) along with additional flow control documentation.

For more information see: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

This project site discharges to a Designated Receiving Water Body that is identified as a capacity-constrained conveyance system (SMC 805.050.A.6). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to land disturbing activity, and existing and proposed impervious surfacing this project shall: provide flow control meeting the Peak Flow Control Standard per SMC 22.805.080.B.4. The post-development peak flow with a 4% annual probability (25-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.4 cubic feet per second per acre. Additionally, the peak flow with a 50% annual probability (2-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.15 cubic feet per second per acre.

Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use the [Pre-Sized Flow Control Calculator](#) in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

No requirements

Wastewater

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Ditch or culvert.

Side Sewer

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

In order to reuse an existing side sewer, the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curbline reinstalled, per SDOT standards.

Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

Other Requirements

Based on the preliminary scope of the project, DPD recommends a presubmittal conference prior to submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal conference request form can be found at our Web site (http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permit/default.asp).

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

Non-ECA

Earth Disturbance

In addition, provide detailed cross-sections for:

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 73LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6" inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

- 1) **all** trees on the site,
- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

no trees

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place filter fabric, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff. Required along the following property lines:

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Inspectors Notes

Large electrical vault on E. side. Drain M.H. in planting strip on SE corner.

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along Aurora Ave N.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). The existing service to the site is underground from Aurora Ave N.

Notes to Applicant

The description of work is for interior alterations to the building only. To ensure that the existing service at the site can provide for the new additions, please provide new electrical load information to City Light. If a new or revised electrical service is needed, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Karen Quaife, 206-684-4986, karen.quaife@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

Other Requirements

- There are overhead high voltage lines along a City Light easement area near the south property line. Working Clearance required: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment and materials to maintain 10-ft clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960. Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the customer's expense. There are also underground electrical services and facilities to the project site and the adjacent site. Before digging contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("One-Call") at 1-800-424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per State law (RCW 19.122).

SDOT Requirements

Based on the information provided at this time, it appears that no street improvements are **required**. All work in the right-of-way requires a permit. Therefore, if you are planning discretionary improvements you should contact SDOT as soon as possible. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SDOT Street Use should the scope of the project change, or should the applicant become aware of proposed construction in the ROW. Failure to contact SDOT at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SPU Requirements

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment is in progress. If the assessment results in water system improvements, you will be required to follow SDOT's Street Improvement Permit Process (see [CAM 2211](#) and [CAM 2213](#)).

For all multifamily, commercial, and industrial properties, the requirements for solid waste storage and pickup are outlined in SPU CAM 1301, available on the web at:

http://www.seattle.gov/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/cos_004542.pdf. For questions about solid waste requirements, contact Liz Kain, (206) 684-4166, Liz.Kain@seattle.gov.

Other Requirements

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Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).